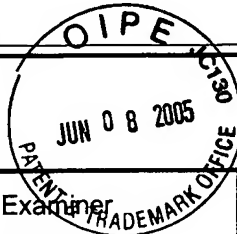


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
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Docket No.
12922A

In Re Application Of: **Hiroaki Matsuyama**



Application No. 10/823,023	Filing Date April 13, 2004	Examiner Unassigned	Customer No. 23389	Group Art Unit 2871	Confirmation No. 3378
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Invention: **LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 5, 2005 above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: May 5, 2005 until: June 6, 2005
Date *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is **\$120** and is to be paid as follows:

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

Sir:

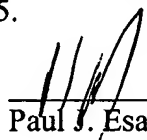
Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement imposed in the Official Action dated April 5, 2005, applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group A, subspecies b, i.e., the species drawn to Fig 3, for continued prosecution herein. Specifically, the elected claims are: claims: 4, 15, 21, 22, 34-39, 41 and 42.

Claims 4-7; 10-16; 21, 22 and 24-42 are present in the above-captioned application and have been subjected to restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121.

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Group A, the species of First Embodiment drawn to a liquid crystal display device with multi-domain alignment by the orientation layer 10 having a curved surface and columnar spacer 12 disposed approximately at a center of a pixel; wherein an insulating film 9 is disposed between the orientation layer 10 and pixel electrode 15 (see FIGs. 1-3).

Group B, the species of Second Embodiment drawn to a liquid crystal display device with multi-domain alignment by the orientation layer 21 having a curved surface and columnar spacer 12 disposed approximately at a center of a pixel; wherein the orientation layer 21 is formed directly on the pixel electrode 8 (see FIGs. 4 and 5).

Additionally, each of Group A and B contains two subspecies of the claimed invention as follows:

Subspecies a, the first subspecies drawn to the curved surface defining a cavity recessed toward the first plate in cross section taken along a line normal to the first plate according to Fig. 1 or Fig. 4.


Subspecies b, the second subspecies drawn to the curved surface defining a protrusion directed toward the second plate in cross section taken along a line normal to the first plate according to Fig. 3 or Fig. 5.

It is the Examiner's position that the inventions listed as Groups A and B, and First and Second Subspecies are distinct from each other.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the subject matter of Group A, subspecies b, according to at least Fig. 3. However, applicant reserves the right under 35 U.S.C. §121 to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims in this application. As per the Examiner's request, a list of all claims and all drawings readable on the elected subject matter is provided above.

In view of the foregoing, an examination on the merits of the elected claims, at an early date, is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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